



**Proverbs for Daily Living (Part-8)**  
**Proverbs on Prudence**  
**Sunday March 15, 2026 – Sermon Outline**

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**Today: Proverbs on Prudence**

**Prudence = "to be shrewd, crafty"**

Prudence is wise foresight and strategic thinking.

It is wise strategy applied before action and involves thinking ahead, avoiding traps and acting wisely in complex situations. Prudence could be used positively for good or negatively for evil.

The Book of Proverbs is given to teach simple people prudence.

**Proverbs 1:4**

**To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion—**

**Proverbs 8:5**

**O you simple ones, understand prudence, And you fools, be of an understanding heart.**

Let's learn some characteristics of a prudent person and how prudence conducts itself.

Eight Characteristics of a Prudent person:

**1, BE SELF-CONTROLLED**

**Proverbs 12:16**

**A fool's wrath is known at once, But a prudent man covers shame.**



This proverb contrasts two kinds of responses to offense or embarrassment: impulsive reaction versus wise self-control. To cover shame in this context is not to hide sin or pretend nothing wrong happened. It means choosing not to expose offense publicly, overlooking minor insults, exercising restraint instead of retaliation, protecting dignity - both yours and others'. The prudent person: feels the offense but controls the response. They "cover" shame by refusing to magnify it.

## **2, BE SELECTIVE IN SPEECH**

### **Proverbs 12:23**

**A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.**

The prudent person speaks selectively and thoughtfully, while the fool reveals his foolishness by speaking impulsively and excessively. The prudent person understands that truth delivered wrongly can still cause harm.

## **3, BE THOUGHTFUL IN ACTION**

### **Proverbs 13:16**

**Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool lays open his folly.**

### **Proverbs 14:8**

**The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.**

A prudent person lives intentionally and navigates life carefully. He does not let "life just happen" to him, instead he intentionally and decisively, with God's help, charts his life's journey. A prudent person thinks carefully about his actions and life direction, while foolishness often leads people to act carelessly and live in self-deception.

## **4, BE DISCERNING**

### **Proverbs 14:15**

**The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.**

The prudent are not gullible but evaluate information before acting. They think critically, examine things, weigh outcomes and then decide. The gullible person accepts ideas without examination, but the prudent person carefully evaluates information before choosing a course of action.

## **5, BE TEACHABLE**



**Proverbs 15:5**

**A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.**

**6, BE KIND IN SPEECH**

**Proverbs 16:21**

**The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.**

How we communicate will determine how people receive what we share. A prudent person know how to speak with “sweetness of the lips”. This is not referring to flattering, but to speak with kindness, and gentleness, along with clarity and strength.

**7, BE EAGER TO LEARN**

**Proverbs 14:18**

**The simple inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.**

**Proverbs 18:15**

**The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.**

**8, BE FORWARD LOOKING**

**Proverbs 22:3**

**A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.**

**Proverbs 27:12**

**A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.**

A prudent person has foresight and takes preventative action — recognizing danger early and responding wisely. This can also be considered in a positive sense. To have foresight of opportunities even before they happen, to prepare for it, and step in quickly, when it does come.

**SUMMARY**

Eight characteristics of a prudent person:

1, be self-controlled



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- 2, be selective in speech
- 3, be thoughtful in action
- 4, be discerning
- 5, be teachable
- 6, be kind in speech
- 7, be eager to learn
- 8, be forward looking

**GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL**

**SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

**Life Group Leader:** To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: *one or more Scripture texts listed below*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1, Discuss what it means to be prudent. Review the 8 characteristics of a prudent person, and discuss a few of these in detail, considering daily life applications of these Proverbs.*



Eight characteristics of a prudent person:

- 1, be self-controlled (Proverbs 12:16)
- 2, be selective in speech (Proverbs 12:23)
- 3, be thoughtful in action (Proverbs 13:16, 14:8)
- 4, be discerning (Proverbs 14:15)
- 5, be teachable (Proverbs 15:5)
- 6, be kind in speech (Proverbs 16:21)
- 7, be eager to learn (Proverbs 14:18; 18:15)
- 8, be forward looking (Proverbs 22:3; 27:12)

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, *families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, *for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



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**USEFUL RESOURCES**

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**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

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**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

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### SERMON OUTLINE

Prudence is wise foresight and strategic thinking. It is wise strategy applied before action and involves thinking ahead, avoiding traps and acting wisely in complex situations. Prudence could be used positively for good or negatively for evil. The Book of Proverbs is given to teach simple people prudence. In this message we consider eight characteristics of a prudent person:

- 1, be self-controlled (Proverbs 12:16)
- 2, be selective in speech (Proverbs 12:23)
- 3, be thoughtful in action (Proverbs 13:16, 14:8)
- 4, be discerning (Proverbs 14:15)
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We draw practical wisdom principles that guide us in daily living. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with



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discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

### KEYWORDS

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